While working at the Virginia Institute of Autism before starting law school, MARIO SALAS ’14 realized he wanted to help children with disabilities transition from school to adulthood as their legal advocate.

“That gap in between school and life after school is really what motivated me to come to law school — seeing how tough it is for parents to navigate that divide,” Salas said.

Salas recently was named the Law School’s 13th Powell Fellow, which provides a $40,000 salary for two years to a graduate working in the public interest. Through a project he designed with the Legal Aid Justice Center in Charlottesville, Salas will help families of children with disabilities realize their educational goals, as well as plan for life after school.
Court Justice Lewis F. Powell, awards $40,000 Fellowship in Legal Services, Public service Fast Facts 2013-14 Public service Fellowships The Mortimer Caplin Public Service Center helps students applying for internships and postgraduate fellowships.

**POWELL FELLOWSHIP**
The School’s Powell Fellowship in Legal Services, honoring former Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell, awards $40,000 to a graduating student or judicial clerk. The fellowship enables him or her to work under the sponsorship of a public interest organization to enhance the delivery of civil legal services to the poor. The award is made for one year with the expectation that it will be renewed for a second year. Recipients also are eligible to participate in the Virginia Loan Forgiveness Program.

**ROBERT F. KENNEDY ’51 PUBLIC SERVICE FELLOWSHIPS**
The Kennedy Fellowships enable recent graduates to work in public service positions while exploring career options and building a professional network. Funded by alumni and friends of the Law School, the program provides a salary to graduates working in qualifying public service employment.

**PILA SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS**
PILA provides grants of $3,500 and $6,000 to law students who accept low-paying or unpaid public service summer internships.

**NATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS**
Counselors from the Public Service Center advise and prepare students seeking prestigious national fellowships as well. Several students in recent years have obtained support from Skadden, Independence Foundation and Equal Justice Works fellowships.

**MONROE LEIGH FELLOWSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL LAW**
This award provides a total of $10,000 for one or more students to pursue a public international law project.

**PUBLIC SERVICE FAST FACTS 2013-14**
17,609 pro bono hours logged by students | more than $430,000 in fellowships awarded to 99 students working in summer public service jobs | 45 students participated in the Alternative Spring Break Pro Bono Program with 11 organizations are admitted to the program, along with up to five second-year students.

**PROGRAM IN LAW AND PUBLIC SERVICE**
The Program in Law and Public Service offers a select group of students the chance to receive specialized training that will prepare them for careers in public service, including in prosecution, public defense, government, legal aid, international human rights and nonprofit organizations. Each year, up to 20 first-year students are admitted to the program, along with up to five second-year students.

**ADDIT GOEL ’12 said the program helped her obtain a summer position with The Defender Association in Seattle. “I got to do three jury trials that summer, all misdemeanor cases,” she said. “This experience was necessary when it came to finding a job post-graduation.”**

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